

44. Come, AGNI, to our presence; bring
 hither the
 gods to partake of the (sacrificial) viands,
 to drink the
 Sww-juice,

45 Blaze up, AGNI, bearer of oblations: shine, un-
 decaying AGNI, radiant with undecaying lustre,
 varga-xxx, 46. Whatever mortal, offering oblations,
 worships a
 deity with (sacrificial) food, let him at the ceremony
 also worship AGNI, the invoker of heaven and earth,
 the sacrificer with truth; let him adore (AGNI)
 with

47. We offer to thee, AGNI, the oblation
 sanctified
 by the heart, and (identified) with the
 sacred verse:
 may the vigorous bulls and the cows be
 (as such an
 oblation) to thee.¹

48, The gods kindle AGNI.as the chief
 (of them);
 as the especial destroyer of VRITRA; by
 whom the
 treasures (of the *Asuras*) are carried off;
 by whom
 the *Rakshasas* are destroyed.

¹ *Te te bhavantu uMana rishdbhdto vasd uta,*
 may these
 vigorous bulls or the cows be for thee: the
 scholiast intimates
 their being offered to *Agni* as victims,
fishdbhavasdrtipena
parinatam san twadbhahshandya (Iwvir) bhavatu,
 let the ob-
 lation, matured in the form of bulls or cows, be for
 thy food.